

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT  
Extended Hours License  
L317-50017**

**Purpose of Application:** Bashaal Cafe is requesting to extend their business's hours of operation to the following:

Monday - Wednesday, to operate until 12:00 a.m.  
Thursday - Sunday, to operate until 2:00 a.m.

**Applicant's Name (Legal Entity):** Bashaal Cafe, Inc.

**DBA/Trade Name:** Bashaal Cafe

**Complete Address:** 5 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403

**Telephone Number:** (612) 703-2053

**Current License:** The applicant has just recently been approved for a Food Manufacturer License at this location.

**Zoning District:** C1/DP/PO Neighborhood Commercial/Downtown Parking Overlay/Pedestrian Oriented Overlay

**Current Authorized Hours:** Sunday-Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Loring Park/7

**Date of Application:** November 10, 2011

**Inspector:** Michele Olds, 612-673-5484

**Public Hearing Requirement:** A public hearing is required for this license application. 20 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 300 feet of the premises and emailed to the Citizens for a Loring Park Community and Loring Business Association on January 9, 2012. Eight multi-residential buildings were posted as well. The public hearing will be held on January 30, 2012 at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee meeting. Two responses to the public hearing notice have been received as of January 20, 2012. They both are in support of the extended hours application.

**Background:** The applicant proposes to extend the hours of operation for their Food Restaurant for dining room until 12:00am on Monday through Wednesday and until 2:00am on Thursday through Sunday. The restaurant does not serve alcoholic beverages, nor does it provide entertainment (only background radio music). Licensing

performed a late night inspection in the near vicinity on January 12, 2012 without observing any violations.

**Findings as Required by the Minneapolis Licensing Code:**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division has analyzed the application and concludes that the application has answered the following:

**A security plan that describes the security features, including personnel and equipment, that the applicant will employ and how they will be utilized:**

All staff of Bashaal Cafe are directed to call 911 if there is an immediate threat in or near the premises. During extended hours, there will be at least three employees working together to provide a safe and enjoyable environment. Bashaal Cafe has eight security cameras, a security system and alarms. If someone is acting violent or threatening, the individual may be removed from the premises, and may be subject to trespass, arrest and/or criminal prosecution. Staff must report incidents of violence in the workplace to management. There is also building security provided after 11:00pm.

**Description of how the applicant will maintain the orderly appearance and operation of the premises with respect to litter and noise:**

Litter will be removed on a daily basis as needed, by building management and by Bashaal Cafe staff. Bashaal Cafe will notify customers thirty minutes before closing that closing time is approaching. They will stop service twenty minutes before closing. They will alter the lights ten minutes before closing. Staff will ask customers to leave peacefully and quietly and thank them for their visit. Bashaal Cafe will train closing staff how to politely notify our customers to lower their voices when leaving the premises and not to loiter outside or in the parking lot. If there is any rude or uncooperative customer, staff will be instructed to get a supervisor to assist that customer.

**Description of how the business will have people exit the establishment at closing time and during an emergency that requires all people to exit the establishment quickly:**

Bashaal Cafe will notify customers thirty minutes before closing that closing time is approaching. They will stop service twenty minutes before closing. They will alter the lights ten minutes before closing.  
In an emergency, staff will move everyone out of the closest entrance/exit.

**Such other reasonable and pertinent information as the city council may require:**

Upon request, the licensee shall meet representatives of the City of Minneapolis to discuss any safety, security or operational concerns.

**Proximity to permitted or conditional residential uses.**

**Nature of the business and its impacts of noise, light and traffic.**

The establishment borders a residential area.

**Conformance with applicable zoning regulations, including but not limited to use, yards, gross floor area and specific development standards.**

The existing business is categorized as a restaurant which is a permitted use in the C1 district.

**History of complaints related to the use.**

There are several types of police calls for service near this location in 2010 and 2011. There are no 311 complaints for this address in the last two years. This is a new business, so Licenses and Consumer Services has no record on this business, and there was not a licensed food business there before now.

**RECOMMENDATION (pending public hearing):**

**The Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following recommendation regarding this application to extend hours:**

Grant the license applicant the following Extended Hours:

Monday - Wednesday, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.  
Thursday - Sunday, 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

This is an annually reviewed license. These hours will be reviewed at the next license renewal period. It will be possible to restrict the hours further if there are violations related to the Extended Hours License.